GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT – Rules – Andhra Pradesh Research Common Entrance Test and Admissions of students into Ph.D. Programmes in Science/Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences/Fine Arts/ Education/Physical Education/Library Sciences/Commerce and Management/ Engineering and Technology/Architecture and Planning/ Law/Pharmaceutical Sciences etc., Rules, 2021 – Orders – Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (EC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.M.S.No.45. **Dated: 23.08.2021.**

Read the following:-

1) The Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act No.5 of 1983)
2) Ministry of Human Resource Development, University Grants Commission – Notification dated 05.05.2016 and subsequent amendments.
3) Minutes of the Meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities dated 17.05.2021 (online) held in the Office of the A.P.State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
4) From the Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri, Letter No.APSCHE/CETs-2021/APRCET-2021/GO/1, dated 21.06.2021.

O R D E R:-

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued Regulations in 2016 and subsequent amendments thereon to maintain minimum standards and procedures for award of M.Phil. and Ph.D. Degrees. According to the Regulations framed by the UGC, the admissions into M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes shall be made through a Common Entrance Test only.

2. The A.P. State Council of Higher Education will conduct Research Common Entrance Test for admission of students into Ph.D. Programmes offered in different disciplines with a view to avoid writing multiple tests by the candidates and to minimize the expenditure and time of the students.

3. Whereas the State has the authority under Entry 25 of List III of 7th Schedule to monitor the compliance of the norms and standards subject to the provisions of Entry 66 of List-I and without any derogation or contravention of any provisions of the Regulations made by the UGC from time to time. In compliance with the UGC Regulations 2016 and amendments issued thereon from time to time and the authorization given by the Universities for conducting centralised Entrance Test called as Andhra Pradesh Research Common Entrance Test (APRCET) and admissions thereafter into Ph.D. programmes under the provisions of concerned University Act, the Government has decided to issue the comprehensive rules for conducting of entrance test and admissions into Ph.D programmes.

4. The following Notification will be published in an Extraordinary Issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated 23.08.2021.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under sections 3 and 15 of the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act No. 5 of 1983), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following Rules for the Conduct of Common Entrance Tests for Admission into Ph.D. programmes in Universities and Research centers recognised by the respective Universities, in affiliated colleges and industry as research centers in Science/ Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences/ Fine Arts/ Education/ Physical Education/ Library Sciences/ Commerce and Management/ Engineering and Technology/ Architecture and Planning/ Law/ Pharmaceutical Sciences etc.

1. Short title, applicability and commencement:

(i) These rules may be called as the Andhra Pradesh Research Common Entrance Test and Admissions of students into Ph.D. Programmes in Science/Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences/Fine Arts/ Education/ Physical Education/Library Sciences/Commerce and Management/ Engineering and Technology/Architecture and Planning/ Law/Pharmaceutical Sciences etc., Rules, 2021.

(ii)They shall apply to all research programmes offered by the Universities and research centers both technical and non-technical recognised and approved by the respective Universities.

(iii) They shall come into force with effect from the date of issue of these rules.

2. Definitions:

(i) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires;

(a) "Act" means the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983, (Act No. 5 of 1983).

(b) "Common Entrance Test" means APRCET, the examination conducted for assigning rank on merit to the candidates, which will be the basis for admission of candidates into various Ph. D programmes in Universities and recognised and approved Institutions as research centers.

(c) "Competent Authority" means the Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

(d) "APRCET Advisory Committee" means the Committee empowered to discharge functions as specified in these rules relating to conduct of Common Entrance Test for research programmes

(e) "Chairman, APRCET Advisory Committee" means the Chairman, A.P. State Council of Higher Education.

(f) "Convener" APRCET means a person, not below the rank of a Professor, appointed by the Competent Authority for conducting the APRCET and performing such other functions relating to the said test as entrusted to him/her by the competent Authority.

(g) "Convener APRCET-Admissions" means a person, not below the rank of a Professor, appointed by the Competent Authority for conducting Ph.D admissions.

(h) "Research Centers" means

1) Eligible affiliated colleges recognised as research centers by respective Universities.
2) Any research laboratory of Government of India/State Government located in the State/R&D centers of Public Sector Undertakings/Private R&D centers of Industries with a turnover of not less than Rs.500 crores per annum with at least two eligible research Supervisors in the Department concerned along with required infrastructure, supporting/administrative and research promotion facilities as per UGC regulations and recognized and approved by respective Universities.

i) "Eligible Candidate" means the candidate who is eligible for admission as per the eligibility criteria prescribed under Rule 3 and 5 hereunder.

j) "Government" means State Government of Andhra Pradesh

k) "Non-Resident Indian (NRI)" means a candidate born to a parent of Indian origin residing outside the country and who had passed the qualifying examination or its equivalent.

l) "Qualified Candidate" means the candidate who has appeared for the APRCET, as the case may be for admission in to Ph.D Programmes in Science/ Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences/ Fine Arts/ Education/ Physical Education/ Library Sciences/ Commerce and Management/ Engineering and Technology/ Architecture and Planning/ Law/ Pharmaceutical Sciences etc., and has been assigned rank in the Common Merit list as per Rule 4.

m) "Qualifying Examination" means the examination of the minimum qualification, passing of which entitles one to seek admission into Ph. D programmes in Science/ Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences/ Fine Arts/ Education/ Physical Education/ Library Sciences/ Commerce and Management/ Engineering and Technology/ Architecture and Planning/ Law/ Pharmaceutical Sciences etc., as per the criteria laid under rule 3.

n) "State Council' means the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, constituted under the Andhra Pradesh Council of Higher Education Act, 1988 (Act No. 16 of 1988).

o) "University" means the University concerned in which the Ph.D programmes are offered.

ii) Words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the same meaning assigned to them in the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act No. 5 of 1983).

I) Andhra Pradesh Research Common Entrance Test

1. Common Entrance Test (CET)

A Common Entrance Test (CET) conducted by APSCHE for admission into Ph.D programmes in the State of Andhra Pradesh, "Andhra Pradesh Research Common Entrance Test (APRCET)" will be conducted separately for:

i. **Category-1** Candidates qualified UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR-NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE/Teacher fellowship holders or have passed M.Phil programme

ii. **Category-2** All eligible candidates as specified in rule 3

APRCET shall comprise of :

Category-1

a) Written test of one hour duration in Research Methodology for 70 marks
b) Interview for 30 marks

Category-2

a) Written test of two hours duration for 140 marks
Section-A – Research Methodology - 70 marks
Section-B – Program Specific subject opted by the candidate - 70 marks
b) Interview for 60 marks

APRCET shall be conducted by the Convener-APRCET through a Computer Based Test (CBT). The test shall be in Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs). Each question carries one mark. There shall not be any negative marks.

1.1 Admission for category-1 candidates qualified in APRCET

25% of the seats are allocated for these candidates for admission into Ph.D programmes in various Universities. A separate merit list will be prepared combining the marks of written test and interview and the ranks will be announced accordingly.

1.2 Admission for category-2 candidates qualified in APRCET

A separate merit list will be prepared combining the marks of written test and interview and the ranks will be announced accordingly.

1.3 The APRCET shall be conducted by a Convener, appointed by the competent authority and shall be held on such dates and centers as may be specified by the State Council of Higher Education in consultation with the APRCET Advisory Committee.

1.4 The Convener APRCET shall give a Notification in two (2) national news papers, of which atleast one (1) shall be in the regional language as decided by APRCET Advisory Committee calling for the applications in the prescribed form from the candidates satisfying eligibility criteria as laid down in rule 3.

1.5 The notification, among other details, shall indicate the Cost of application, Entrance test fee, the last date for receipt of the duly filled in application and the date of conduct of APRCET.

1.6 The medium of APRCET shall be English only and respective language of language Programmes

1.7 For category-1 candidates the syllabus for Research Methodology will be decided by APRCET Advisory Committee

1.8 For category-2 candidates there will be a prescribed syllabus for the entrance test of each Ph.D. programme. The syllabus for the test consists of Section-A Research Methodology and Section-B related to programme specific syllabus at PG level decided by APRCET Advisory Committee. Section- A is common to all the candidates and Section-B is related to the subject opted by the candidate.

1.9 The minimum qualifying marks in APRCET, both category-1 and category-2 shall be 50% for OC candidates and 45% for candidates belonging to BC/SC/ST/differently-abled candidates.

1.10 There is no provision for re-totalling and re-valuation or personal identification of the response sheet of the entrance test.

1.11 Mere appearance of the Entrance Test does not automatically entitle a candidate to be considered for admission into Ph.D programme unless the candidate satisfies the requirement of eligibility as laid down under rule 3 and other criteria laid down in the Rules for admission that shall be issued separately.

1.12 Rank in APRCET will be based on combined scores obtained by a candidate in the written test and interview.

2. APRCET Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee for APRCET shall be constituted by the Competent Authority with the following members to advise the Convener of APRCET, in the matters relating to Test and Admissions and such other matters necessary for the smooth conduct of APRCET.

2.1 The composition of the Advisory Committee shall consist of the following:

(1) Chairman, APSCHE shall be the Chairman of the APRCET Advisory Committee

(2) Vice-Chancellor of any University nominated by the Competent authority for each academic year for the purpose of conducting APRCET

(3) Two Vice-Chancellors from general Universities one from AU region and one from SVU region (to be nominated by the competent authority)

(4) One Vice-Chancellor of the Technological University of the State (to be nominated by the Competent authority.)

(5) One representative from the research centers/laboratories identified as research center (to be nominated by the competent authority)

(6) Representative of Higher Education Department in Government not below the rank of Joint Secretary dealing with the subject

(7) Convener of the APRCET of the preceding year

(8) Convener of the APRCET of the present year

(9) Two representatives of APSCHE nominated by the competent authority

2.2 Functions of the APRCET Advisory Committee

The APRCET Advisory Committee shall take decisions on the following aspects relating to APRCET.

(i) Cost of the application and registration fee to be collected from the candidates of APRCET

(ii) Norms for the payment of remunerations for different items/services undertaken in connection with APRCET work

(iii) Tentative date of announcement of results

(iv) Pattern of test papers, duration of the test, syllabus content, marks assigned to each paper etc.,

(v) Date of test and interview schedule

(vi) Such other issues as may be referred to by the Chairman of the Committee

2.3 Functions of the Chairman of the APRCET Advisory Committee

The Chairman of the APRCET Advisory Committee shall:

(i) Preside over the meetings of the Committee and in his/her absence he/she may nominate one of the Members of the Committee to preside over the meetings

(ii) May appoint competent officers to assist the convener

2.4 Functions of the Convener of the APRCET

(1) The Convener of the APRCET shall, subject to such directions as may be issued by the Chairman, discharge his/her duties in the matters relating to the APRCET. The Convener is specifically responsible for discharging the following functions:

(i) Shall appoint paper setters, moderation for the APRCET

(ii) Designing and printing/hosting the online application form

(iii) Issuing the notification inviting applications for the entrance test

(iv) Registration of application forms and issue of hall tickets

(v) Appointment of Coordinators/ Chief Superintendents/General or Special Observers for various test centers

(vi) Confidential work of results processing

(vii) Payment of remuneration to various items/services utilized for the purpose of APRCET

(viii) Maintenance and submission of audited accounts to the APSCHE
(ix) Preparation of key answers through a Committee consisting of Professors of Universities in consultation with the Chairman
(x) Publication of results and dispatch of rank cards to the qualified candidates
(xi) Such other duties as entrusted by the Chairman/competent authority

3. Eligibility criteria for appearing APRCET

Ph.D. can be pursued by candidates possessing the minimum qualifications as specified below either on Full-Time (FT) / Part-Time (PT) basis in the Faculties of Science, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts, Education, Physical Education, Commerce and Management Studies, Engineering and Technology, Architecture & Planning, Law and Pharmaceutical Sciences etc. Admissions into Ph.D. programme will be made within the framework of reservation rules in force prescribed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time.

The details of faculty/specialization wise eligibility criteria will be notified in details along with the APRCET notification.

The APRCET Committee may include or combine or separate or drop any of the disciplines as may be deemed necessary with proper reasoning.

3.1.1 Full-Time (FT)

(a) Candidates for admission to Ph.D. programme shall have a Master's Degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

(b) A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/BC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

3.1.2 Part-Time (PT)

Candidate satisfying the eligibility conditions noted under 3.1.1 above can be admitted as Part-time candidate through an entrance test, as per the following order of priority. Admission into Part-time category will be made on the basis of service seniority in the respective categories.

1. Regular Faculty working in the University or to the P.G. Centers.

2. (a) Faculty working in Post Graduate and Professional colleges having completed at least two years of service. This provision is not applicable to Faculty teaching Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Humanities in professional colleges.

or

(b) Faculty/Librarians/Assistant Librarians working in affiliated degree /PG colleges and Faculty teaching Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Humanities in professional colleges having completed at least two years of service.

or

(c) Faculty working in Polytechnic/Government or private aided Junior Colleges/schools having completed at least four years of service.

3.2 Candidates satisfying the following requirements shall be eligible to appear for APRCET;

(a) Candidate should be of Indian Nationality or Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) / Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders

(b) Candidates should belong to the State of Andhra Pradesh. The candidate should satisfy local/non-local status requirements laid down in the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulations of Admission) Order, 1974 as subsequently amended

(c) Ph.D can be pursued by candidates possessing the minimum qualifications as specified below either on Full-Time (FT) or Part Time (PT) basis in the faculties of Sciences, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts, Education, Physical Education, Commerce and Management studies, Engineering & Technology, Architecture & Planning, Law, Pharmaceutical Sciences etc.,. Admissions into Ph. D programs will be made within the framework of reservation rules in force prescribed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time

(d) Candidates for admission into Ph.D programme shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body with at least 55% marks in the aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC-7 point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale where grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

(e) A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50% or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/BC/Differently-Abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned

above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace marks procedures.

(f) Ph.D discipline and eligibility in respect of qualifying P.G. Degree shall be clearly notified by the APRCET Convener

4. Interview

Separate interview shall be conducted for candidates qualified in the written test for both Category-1 and Category-2

The qualified candidate in the APRCET (test) shall appear for an interview before the Committee appointed for the purpose.

(1) The interview shall be for 30 marks for Category-1 and for 60 marks for Category-2 candidates.

(2) APSCHE identifies Universities for conducting interviews for each faculty/subject of the Ph.D programme

(3) The composition of the interview Committee shall be:
(a) Two subject experts from the University conducting the interview
(b) Two subject experts from other Universities to be nominated by the competent authority
(c) Chairman, Board of Studies of the respective discipline will be the Convener of the Committee

(4) Interview committee shall submit the interview scores to APRCET Convener

(5) The Convener APRCET will release rank lists by consolidating the marks obtained in the written test and interview separately for Category-1 and Category-2.

5. Preparation of the Merit List and assigning rank.

The Convener APRCET shall follow the following rules in preparing the merit list and assigning the ranking:

5.1 The candidates who have secured qualifying marks in APRCET and candidates belonging to category of SC/ST/BC/differently-abled, for whom a relaxation in qualifying marks shall be assigned ranking in the order of merit on the basis of combined scores obtained in APRCET test and interview.

5.2 For preparation of merit list, in case of more than one student securing the same score obtained as per sub rule (1) above, the tie shall be resolved to decide the relative ranking by successively considering the following:

Category-1

(a) Marks obtained in the written test
(b) The percentage obtained in the qualifying examination; UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR-NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE or M.Phil programmes.

(c) If the tie still persists, the date of birth of the concerned candidates, the elder being given preference over the younger.

Category-2

(a) The total marks secured in APRCET in written test
(b) The marks secured in Section-B (relevant subject in written test)
(c) Total marks obtained in qualifying examination
(d) If the tie still persists, the date of birth of the concerned candidates, the elder being given preference over the younger.

5.3 The following rank lists shall be prepared by the Convener:

(i) State wide common merit list: the list shall include candidates irrespective of whether one belongs to any category or reservation quota or not.

(ii) Reservation category-wise lists: There shall be separate reservation category wise merit lists for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribe and Backward Classes and for women for both State-wide and region-wise.

(iii) Merit list for other categories of reservations: There shall be separate lists for other categories of reservations as per the order in force for Physically Handicapped, NCC, Games and Sports, Children of Ex-servicemen and for women for both State-wide and region-wise.

5.4 Every candidate who has been assigned rank in the merit list shall be issued a Rank Card by the Convener. The Rank Card, among other things shall include the marks obtained in the APRCET.

II APRCET Admissions

25% of the seats are allocated for Category-1 candidates for admission into Ph.D programmes in various Universities. A separate merit list will be prepared combining the marks of written test and interview and the ranks will be announced accordingly.

Admissions for Category-1 will be taken first. Any unfilled seats under Category-1 shall be filled with the candidates of Category-2

1 **Admission process**: The procedure for admission of candidates through a Single Window system operated by the Convener of APRCET (Admissions) shall be as follows:-

(1) The APSCHE shall collect Rank lists of the qualified candidates of APRCET prepared by the Convener of APRCET.

(2) The competent authority will nominate Convener, APRCET (Admissions) for Ph.D (Admissions).

(3) The Convener of APRCET Admissions shall prepare and notify the schedule for admission and all other necessary details in at least two national newspapers one each in Telugu and English, at least 8-10 days before the commencement of counseling. The decision of the

Committee for APRCET Admissions shall be final in issuing notification, the schedule and procedure of counseling.

(4) The Convener APRCET Admissions shall adopt computerized Single Window system of counseling either by following centralized or decentralized Online Counseling at various centres for the convenience of the candidates and shall prepare the seat matrix of the Universities and Research centres. The Convener shall make all the arrangements for manpower, admission venue, drawing scrutiny officers from other Departments, fee collection, networking, facilities for Online Counselling at various centres, mobilization of software etc., in consultation with the Admission Committee.

(5) Candidates shall be called for web options and provisional allotment of seats for admission into Universities and Research centres and the allotment shall be made in the order of merit assigned in APRCET by following Rule of Reservation.

(6) The selection of candidates and allotment to Ph.D programme shall be solely on the basis of merit as adjusted by the rank obtained in APRCET subject to the condition that the candidate should have passed the qualifying examination. However, mere appearance at the Entrance Test and obtaining a rank in merit list does not entitle a candidate to be considered for admission automatically unless he/she also satisfies the rules and regulations of admission prescribed by the APSCHE.

(7) Subject to the provisions of sub clause (8) below, once a candidate secures admission to a particular University/Research centre based on his/her option, no more claim for admission into other Universities/Research centres, to any other kind of seat or other programme, be entertained during that phase of admission.

(8) The Convener of APRCET Admissions shall prepare the final list of candidates admitted programme-wise and Universities/Research centres wise and sends the same to respective Universities / Research centres.

(9) All the candidates called for counseling shall produce the specified original documents along with duly attested photocopies and the Convener of APRCET Admissions shall be entitled to cause verification of all the documents produced by the candidates.

2. <u>Allotment of seats</u>:

(1) The seats in each University will be, based upon the availability as per UGC/ APSCHE Regulations

(2) The number of seats available in each Higher Educational Institution, discipline wise as per the guide lines of UGC/APSCHE will be notified at the time of APRCET notification.

(3) The Convener APRCET (Admissions) shall organize web based counseling including registration, certificate verification, exercising web options and allotment of seats following rules of reservation.

3. <u>Rules of Reservation for admission</u>:

All the seats in Universities/ Research centres offering Ph.D Programmes in Science/ Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences/ Fine Arts/ Education/ Physical Education/ Library Sciences/ Commerce and Management/ Engineering and Technology/ Architecture and Planning/ Law/ Pharmaceutical Sciences etc., shall be reserved, to the following categories in Admissions:

a) Region-wise reservation of seats:

Admission to 85% of the seats in each course shall be reserved for the local candidates and the remaining 15% of seats shall be unreserved seats as specified in the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation and Admissions) Order, 1974 as subsequently amended.

EXPLANATION: for purpose of these rules,

(a) Local Areas means:

(1) The part of the State comprising the Districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur and Prakasam shall be regarded as the Local Area for the purpose of admission to the JNTUK, Andhra University, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Adikavi Nannaya Univeristy, Ambedhkar University and Krishna University to any other educational institutions (other than State wide University or State wide educational Institution) which is subject to the control of the State Government and is situated in that part.

(2) The part of the State comprising the Districts of Anantapur, Kurnool, Chittoor, Kadapa and Nellore shall be regarded as the Local Area for the purpose of admission to JNTUA, Sri Venkateswara University, Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Yogi Vemana University, Rayalaseema University, Vikrama Simhapuri University and Dravidian University to any other educational Institutions (other than the State wide University or State wide educational institution) which is subject to the control of the State Government and is situated in that part.

(3) State wide Universities

The following Universities are State wide Universities. Admissions into these Universities are open to all local candidates to a tune of 85% and unreserved to any local area to a tune of 15%

1. Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam (SPMVV) – Tirupati
2. Dravidian University (DU) – Kuppam
3. Dr.Abdul Haq Urdu University (AHUU)-Kurnool
4. Dr.YSR Architecture & Fine Arts University, Kadapa

(b) The Local Candidate means:

(1) A candidate for admission shall be regarded as a local candidate in relation to a local area.

(A) If he/she has studied in Educational Institution or Educational Institutions in such local area for a period of not less than four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or as case may be, first appeared in the relevant qualifying examination, **or**

(B) Where, during the whole or any part of four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination he/she has resided in that local area for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date of commencement of the relevant qualifying examination which he/she appeared or as case may be, first appeared.

(2) A candidate for admission to the Ph.D Programme who is not regarded as local candidate under clause (1) above relation to any local area shall,

(A) If he/she has studied in Educational Institutions in the State for a period of not less than seven consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination be regarded as a local candidate in relation to,

(i) Such local area where he/she has studied for the maximum period out of said period of seven years, **or**

(ii) Where the period of his/her study in two or more local areas are equal, such local area, where he/she has studied last in such equal period,

(B) If, during the whole or any part of seven consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or as case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination he/she has not studied in the Educational Institutions in any local area but has resided in the State during the whole of the period of seven years, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to,

(i) Such local area where he/she has resided for the maximum period out of the said period of seven years, **or**

(ii) Where the periods of his/her residence in two or more local areas are equal such local area where he/she has resided last in such equal periods.

(3) The following categories of candidates are eligible to apply for admission to the remaining 15% of un-reserved seats:

(A) All the candidates eligible to be declared as local candidates.

(B) Candidates who have resided in the State for a total period of 10 years excluding periods of study outside the State or either of whose parents; have resided in the State for a total period of ten years excluding period of employment outside the State.

(C) Candidates who are children of parents who are in the employment of this State or Central Government, Public Sector Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and other similar quasi-public Institutions, within the State.

(D) Candidates who are spouses of those in the employment of the State or Central Government Public Sector Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and Educational Institutions recognized by the Government or University or other competent authority and similar quasi Government Institutions within the State.

(4) If a local candidate in respect of a local area is not available to fill any seat reserved or allocated in favour of a local candidate in respect of that local area, such seat shall be filled if it had not been reserved.

NOTE: For details, see the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions) Order, 1974 as subsequently amended.

(i) All seats in Universities/ Research centres offering Ph. D Programmes Science/ Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences/ Fine Arts/ Education/ Physical Education/ Library Sciences/ Commerce and Management/ Engineering and Technology/ Architecture and Planning/ Law/ Pharmaceutical Sciences etc., shall be reserved in favour of SC/ST/BC categories as follows:

(a) 15% of seats in each Ph.D programme in each institution shall be reserved for the candidates belonging to Schedule Castes.

(b) 6% of seats in each Ph.D programme in each Institution shall be reserved for the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Tribes.

The seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes shall be made available to Scheduled Castes and vice-versa, if qualified candidates are not available in the category. If qualified candidate belonging to Schedule Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities are not available the left over seats reserved for them shall be treated as unreserved seats and shall be filled by the candidates of General pool.

(c) 29% of seats in each Ph.D programme in each institution shall be reserved for the candidates belonging to the Backward Classes and shall be allocated among the five groups of Backward Classes as shown below:

Group 'A' - 7%
Group 'B' - 10%
Group 'C' - 1%

Group 'D'- 7%
Group 'E'- 4%

If qualified candidates belonging to Backward Classes of a particular group are not available, the leftover seats can be adjusted for the candidate of next group. If qualified candidate belonging to Backward Classes are not available to fill up the 29% seats reserved for them, the left over seats shall be treated as unreserved and shall be filled up with the candidates of General pool.

No candidate seeking reservation for admission under the above categories be allowed to participate, in the counseling for admission unless he/she produces the Integrated Community Certificate prescribed by the Government and issued by the Revenue Authorities in the Government (vide G.O. Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J), Dept., dated 12.05.1997)

b) <u>Reservations for Special Categories</u>:

(1) There shall be horizontal reservation in each category (OC,BC,SC, ST) in each Ph.D programme of an institution, for the following categories, to the extent indicated against them.

(i) Physically Handicapped (PH) – 3% (three percent) for Visually Handicapped/Hearing Impaired/Orthopedically Handicapped 1% (one percent) each

(ii) Children of Armed Forces Personnel (CAP) – 2% (two percent) for the children of Armed persons i.e Ex-Servicemen, Defence Personnel including the Children of Boarder Security Force and the Central Reserve Police Force residing in Andhra Pradesh for a minimum period of 5 years.

(iii) National Cadet Corps (NCC) – 1% (one percent) for National Cadet Corps candidates.

(iv) Sports and Games (SG) ½ % (half percent) for Sports and Games candidates.

If qualified candidates belonging to PH/CAP/NCC/SG categories are not available, the left over seats shall be filled up with candidates of General pool of the same local area.

Note: The candidates claiming reservation benefits under the above categories shall produce original documents in support of their claim to the Convener for Admissions and he/she shall be entitled to refer the original documents of the candidates claiming reservation for scrutiny and confirmation, to the following authorities.

(i)	NCC	- The Director of NCC, Andhra Pradesh
(ii)	Sports and Games	- The Vice-Chairman and MD, SAAP
(iii)	Differently Abled	- The Director, Medical and Health Services, AP
(iv)	CAP	- The Director, Sainik Welfare Board, AP

(2) The priorities in respect of the special categories mentioned above shall be in accordance with Government Orders issued from time to time.

c) <u>Reservation of seats for Women</u>:

A reservation of 33 1/3% of seats in favour of women candidates in each Ph.D programme and in each category (OC/SC/ST/BC/PH/ CAP/NCC/SG).

The above reservation shall not be applicable if women candidates selected on merit in each category exceeds 33 1/3%

If sufficient number of women candidates are not available in the respective categories, those seats shall be diverted to men candidates of the same category.

III Fee for Ph. D Programmes in Science/ Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences/ Fine Arts/ Education/ Physical Education/ Library Sciences/ Commerce and Management/ Engineering and Technology/ Architecture and Planning/ Law/ Pharmaceutical Sciences etc.,

The fee payable per student per annum for each discipline in any University/ Research centre shall be fixed by the respective University from time to time.

IV Funds for the conduct of the APRCET (Test and admissions)

(i) The amounts that are collected from the candidate towards the cost of application, the examination fee and admission registration fee as applicable shall be directly credited into the account of the Secretary, APSCHE

(ii) The Convener, APRCET and the Convener APRCET (Admissions) shall draw advance from the Secretary, APSCHE to incur necessary expenditure for items /services connected with the APRCET and submit for audit to the Local Fund Audit and report thereof shall be submitted to the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

V Special directions from the Government:

In the event of any malpractice or leakage of question paper or in any other circumstances leading to the stopping of APRCET as scheduled, the Government may, for reason to be recorded in writing, direct to conduct re-examination of the APRCET. In such an event the A.P State Council of Higher Education or any other body so nominated by the Government shall cause the APRCET re-examination to be conducted by appointing / nominating such functionaries or Committees, as considered necessary, without levying any extra fee from the candidate for this purpose.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SATISH CHANDRA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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